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2018-2020 Zonta Club of Cincinnati
President Verna Tuttle

Centennial Celebration



Human Trafficking Advocacy Event



January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. The Zonta Club of Cincinnati has generally participated in and supported Human Trafficking Awareness Day each year in Columbus. This year, the event conflicted with our February Membership Meeting. During the CEDAW recap session, late last year, we were approached by a member of the Cincinnati Police Department to possibly participate in an event at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center featuring the Shared Hope organization that works to eradicate sex trafficking and the criminalization of its victims and survivors. This invitation presented itself as an opportunity to support human trafficking awareness and to bring awareness to the mission and the community presence of the Zonta Club of Cincinnati.

On Saturday, January 26, 2019, members of the Zonta Club of Cincinnati joined Shared Hope in offering information to museum visitors about our respective organizations, as well as those who came out to support and to learn more about the tragic, social plight of human trafficking. Shared Hope International showed a film, "Chosen," detailing the story of a young girl recruited into the sex trafficking industry and how she was saved. She, along with a law enforcement officer discussed how we can all help prevent innocent young people from falling into the hands of malicious predators.

The Zonta Club of Cincinnati displayed photos and written materials to communicate our mission and the details of the Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women Campaign. A special shout out of appreciation to

Terri-Purtee-Stein for working to help our participation become a reality. **Verna Tuttle, Glenda Carota, Jean Beirise** and **Astha Adhikari** provided support to these efforts.

Never wanting to miss an opportunity to talk about Zonta, Verna Tuttle accepted Shared Hope's gracious offer to take the mic and share with the audience Zonta international and the Zonta Club of Cincinnati's esteemed history and commitment to empower women through service and advocacy. We are looking forward to partnering with Shared Hope in a future event

Tribute to Pauline Strayhorne

Pauline was born in 1926 in Birmingham, Alabama. At a very young age Pauline lost both her mother & father & her only sibling. She was then raised by her aunt & was also introduced to the YWCA at that time. Her love & involvement with the YWCA carried throughout her entire life.

After high school, Pauline found her way to Cincinnati & began her college education...along with working several jobs! With her education, skills, & a great drive to succeed, she began her professional career(s). She rose through the ranks of banking management & administration, & became very well-known & respected in the extensive world of savings & loans. After her banking career, she began a new adventure: her own interior design business – & it was a grand success!



Pauline gave a life of service to not only Zonta & the YWCA, but also CET, Cincinnati Business & Professional Women, United Negro College Fund, & her church, Immanuel Lutheran Church. She especially shared her knowledge & experience with others who benefitted greatly from her assistance.

Our condolences to Pauline's daughter, Charlotte, & her granddaughter, Paula, & several great grandchildren.

Save Saturday, 3/23/19 for the Area 2 Meeting - Elizabethtown

The Zonta District 5 Area 2 Spring Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 23 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Zonta Club of Elizabethtown will be our hosts at the Elizabethtown Chamber of Commerce (111 W. Dixie Avenue, Elizabethtown, KY 42701). The \$25 fee includes a continental breakfast & lunch. The keynote speaker will be **Donna Pollard**, Founder of Survivor's Corner. Ms. Pollard was instrumental & the driving force in helping senate Bill 48, which addresses child marriage, become law in Kentucky. A more detailed agenda will be coming soon. **President Verna** recently sent out the invitation to members & the **RSVP deadline is March 15**. You will learn all about what's happening in our area & other clubs in the district, so please plan to attend the meeting!

Service Fund Grants

The Service Fund **Grant Deadline is April 1** for the next round. Here's the link for more information and the grant application: <https://www.zonta-cinti.org/grant-program>. Please let your non-profit organization contacts know about the grant program & application deadline.

Zontians Unite for International Women's Day & Zonta Rose Day, March 8

Zontians around the world celebrate Zonta Rose Day & International Women's Day by visiting their local governments, hosting panelists, engaging in discussions on gender equality & more. International Women's Day is an opportunity to reflect on progress we have made, to call for change, & to celebrate the women who have made a difference in their countries & communities. Zonta also recognizes this day as Zonta Rose Day, a day on which members are encouraged to make a donation to the Zonta International Foundation in honor of an influential or inspirational individual.

Right now is a great & important time in history to do everything possible to help forge a more gender-balanced world. Women have come a long way, yet there's still more to be achieved. As the world heads toward International Women's Day 2019, step-by-step planning is underway to celebrate women's achievements & tenaciously challenge bias. The International Women's Day 2019 campaign theme of **#BalanceforBetter** is a call-to-action for driving gender balance across the world. Better the balance, better the world. How will you celebrate women's achievements on Friday March 8, while calling for a more gender-balanced world? How will you help make a difference? (Excerpt from International Women's Day official website <https://www.internationalwomensday.com>)

Fundraising Committee Update

Committee Chair Connie Roesch (croesch@zonta-cinti.org; 513.481.1923); **Co-Chair Melinda Hubbard** (melhubbard@gmail.com; 513.677.1293)

• **Kendra Gives Back Fundraiser February 6 – Sub-Committee Chair Glenda Carota** (gcarota@zonta-cinti.org; 513.260.4409) Kendra Scott (jewelry store) in Kenwood Towne Centre (located on the upper level above the food court near the Cheesecake Factory entrance) graciously offered to hold a fundraiser for the Zonta Club of Cincinnati on Wednesday, February 6 from 6 to 9 pm. 20% of sales during that time went to Zonta. The Kendra Scott store management supplied snacks & champagne. We had a great turnout and should receive a handsome check. The Kendra Scott store manager also donated two very nice pieces of jewelry for the Zonta Centennial Celebration's silent auction on 4/13/19!

• **Kroger Fundraiser – Sub-Committee Chair Terri Purtee-Stein** (tpurtee-stein@zonta-cinti.org; 513.252.5715) The Fundraising Committee has discovered a very easy way to raise money for Zonta's Service Fund: Kroger Community Rewards. If you have a Kroger Plus card, you can designate the Zonta Service Fund of Cincinnati Inc. as your non-profit choice to receive funds generated by your purchases.

Here's how to do this – Terri, Donna & Lori have selected the Zonta Service Fund of Cincinnati Inc. & it's VERY easy. You will need to have a Kroger Plus card in order to establish an online account, which will require you

to create an account & requires some basic information, a valid email address, & a Kroger Plus card. If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, you can apply for one at your local Kroger store & then set up your online account. After establishing your account, follow the directions in the Kroger Community Rewards below. (FYI: there are also directions on how to do this at www.Kroger.com - again, this is very easy to do.)

To Use the Kroger Community Rewards Program: Simply visit <http://www.kroger.com>. Once logged into your Kroger account you can search for Zonta Service Fund of Cincinnati Inc either by name or Rewards number EC664, & then click Enroll. You will receive a confirmation as soon as you've made your selection.

Please note that you will need to re-register the Zonta Service Fund of Cincinnati Inc. each year in April to ensure that Zonta continues to receive funds from this program. Q&A information is also online to answer questions. Please let Terri know if you need assistance.

• **Zonta Centennial Celebration – Committee Co-Chairs Melinda Hepfner** (mhepfner@hotmail.com; 513.289.3668) & **Gretchen Webb** (gtwebb@cinci.rr.com; 513.616.5696). The Centennial Committee has been hard at work to bring this event to fruition. The Midnight Rose Trio will provide the musical entertainment. Tickets are \$100/person & you can purchase them via PayPal on the ZCC website, through Eventbrite, or via USPS in the RSVP envelope included with your invitation.

o **Cash Raffle – Sub-Committee Chair Donna Seitz** (dseitz@americaninsurnet.com; idseitz@fuse.net; 513.451.2708) is coordinating this effort. Raffle tickets will accompany the Centennial invitations & can either be mailed along with the RSVP card or brought to the event in person. Raffle tickets will be also be available for purchase that evening. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25 for chances to win \$500 cash.

o **Silent Auction – Sub-Committee Co-Chairs Laura Delaney** (ldelaney@zonta-cinti.org; 513.922.4851) & **Terri Purtee-Stein** (tpurtee-stein@zonta-cinti.org; 513.252.5715) have analyzed & distributed the top selling silent auction baskets from the last three years of the Wine & Dine. Laura will periodically send out updated lists of items received &/or committed to donating. Contact Laura to arrange delivery/pick up of your donated Items – a completed In Kind Donation form should accompany all items. (FYI: The In-Kind Donation form is used to determine the value of the items for bidding purposes & for tax deduction purposes in thank-you letters.) A total of 25-30 items, with a minimum value of \$100 (in keeping with the Centennial theme), will be needed for this money-maker.

o **Spirits Raffle – Sub-Committee Chair Lori Burkhardt** (dragonfly91848@gmail.com; 918.649.4624) & committee member **Lisa Lamping** are working on this game of chance involving decks of cards. You'll have to play the game at the event to find out the details of how it works!

o **Fund-A-Scholarship Live Auction – Sub-Committee Chair Melinda Hepfner** (mhepfner@hotmail.com; 513.289.3668) is working with **Auctioneer Susan Johnson** to tweak this activity from previous W&D fund-raisers.

o **Jewelry Raffle** – This event has been rolled into the Silent Auction because the value of donated items, while beautiful, were not high enough to merit the activity.

o **Yellow Rose Purchases** – The committee determined this would interfere with the table decorations & may instead give yellow roses to those who donate to the Fund-A-Scholarship live auction.

Service & Advocacy Committee Update

Chair Melanie Hoffman (melaniehoffman5@icloud.com; 513.725.6038); **Co-Chair Melinda Hubbard** (melhubbard@gmail.com; 513.677.1293)

Featured Service & Advocacy Project:

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes to the Elmwood Elementary Schools project. **Pat Jude** initially requested the club's assistance in providing 25 children with clothing. We not only received many clothes and \$150 from members in donations, but were also able to increase the ability to assist children in the Elmwood Elementary Schools through our members' contacts. **Mary Clare Hill** connected the project to a non-profit in Batavia called *Give like a Mother*. The non-profit specializes in providing clothing to children in need. They have taken this project to the next level by adding to Zonta's donations and packaging five outfits for each child. This project is being expanded throughout other classrooms in the school and they will work with each child to provide five outfits for each season as long as needed. Thanks again to all who assisted in this project that will help so many children!

Service Projects



- **Matthew 25 Ministries** – ZCC members held our second holiday service project helping sort items for Matthew 25 Ministries on Wednesday, December 19.
- **Women Helping Women (WHW)** - WHW's 2019 Sunday Salons schedule is listed below. (FYI: Dates are also posted on the February/March calendars). All proceeds from the Sunday Salons benefit WHW, a non-profit organization dedicated to serving women & men who are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, & stalking. WHW is one of ZCC's service partners & leads the planning committee for the Purple Light Walk.

WHW's staff & volunteers provide crisis intervention services including hotline, hospital accompaniment, court advocacy, support groups, & face-to-face advocacy. The agency also takes a leading role in educating the community about gender-based violence. WHW prides itself on being present at the places & times that survivors need them the most, reaching over 7,000 survivors each year. Your support of Sunday Salons helps WHW fulfill this mission.

Our very own **President Verna Tuttle** will be coordinating the 2/10 (2-4:30 pm) & 3/31 (11 am-1:30 pm) salons & will be modeling vintage clothing at the 3/3 event. Follow the link on the WHW website for more detailed

information about each Sunday Salon (<https://www.womenhelpingwomen.org/home/get-involved/events/sunday-salon-2019/>) or call 513.526.0687. Help support our service partner WHW & President Verna! (see schedule below)

Date/Time/Fee	Speaker	Topic	Host/Location
February 10 10:00 am-Noon \$65	Urban Stead Cheesemakers , East Walnut Hills	Rural Roots, Urban Treats: A Local Food Narrative	Andrea Siefring-Robbins & Scott Robbins, Owners; + Gregg & Shelly Fogel, East Walnut Hills
February 10 2:00-4:30 pm \$65	Bryce Carlson , Ph.D., Seven Hills School faculty member, strength & conditioning coach, & endurance athlete	Records Are Meant to Be Broken: Dreams Are Meant to Come True	Beth Wayne, North Avondale
February 17 2:00-4:30 pm \$65	Annette Januzzi Wick , Writer & Blogger	Girl, Walking: Finding Connection in Cincinnati's 52 Neighborhoods	Gail Fisher Forberg, Downtown Cincinnati
February 24 2:00-4:30 pm \$65	Katelyn Jarvis , Founder & President, Peace Stamps	To See the World: 123 Countries, 155 Planes, 21 Buses, 17 Trains, 14 Ferries...	Linda & Ed Neenan, Symmes Township
March 3 2:00-4:30 pm \$65	Hi-Bred, Shawna Marie , Owner, East Walnut Hills	Vintage Clothes, Vintage Setting: A Tres Chic Afternoon	Sara & John Neyer, Clifton
March 10 1:30-4:00 pm \$65	Liz Tilton , Ph.D., Owner, TwoHoneys Bee Co.	Bee Wilder! Honeybees Up Close & Personal	Judi Cettel & Jim Raphael, Mt. Adams
March 17 11:00 am-1:30 pm \$65	Tamara Harkavy , CEO & Artistic Director, Artworks; BLINK Leadership Team; & Andrew Salzbrun , Managing Partner, AGAR; Partner/Creative Director BLINK	BLINK: The Encore	Tamara Schwarting, Garfield Park, Downtown Cincinnati
March 24 2:30-5:00 pm \$65	Tracy Brumfield , Executive Director, Rise Up News	"Big Idea" Helps Thousands Earn Second Chance	Christy Backley & Phil Crabtree, East Walnut Hills
March 31 11:00 am-1:30 pm \$65	Debbie D. Bowman , Chief Financial Officer, Revitalize Group	"I had to be the best, because I came from the worst"	Patty Reilly, Lytle Park, Downtown Cincinnati
March 31 2:00-4:30 pm \$65	Jason Heikenfeld , Ph.D., Professor & Assistant Vice President for Commercialization, University of Cincinnati	Jason & His Unique Thinking Cap: Reimagining the Role of Higher Education	Mike & Maggie Vagie, Glendale

Advocacy Projects – Sub-Committee Chair Glenda Carota (gcarotz@zonta-cinti.org; 513.260.4409)

• **Alzheimer's Research & Women: Impact Today, Hope for Tomorrow – Women Conquer Alzheimer's Luncheon** – The Women's City Club of Greater Cincinnati invited the ZCC to be a supporter of this free event (we're listed on the flyer, to be distributed once again to club members), which will be held on Monday, 3/4/19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Cintas Center, Xavier University. There will be a complimentary lunch. **You can RSVP by February 22 in two different ways: online (alzwomen.eventbrite.com) or call 800.272.3900.** The complimentary research luncheon will feature keynote speaker **Dr. Maria Carrillo**, who is one of the world's

leading Alzheimer's disease scientists. Learn how the Alzheimer's epidemic impacts everyone in our community – particularly women – & how you can join in the fight to end it.

Women are at the epicenter of the Alzheimer's crisis. Not only are they more likely than men to be caregivers, women are also more likely to develop the disease. About 13 million American women are either living with Alzheimer's or caring for someone who has it. This is definitely an event in line with Zonta's mission to empower women through service & advocacy!

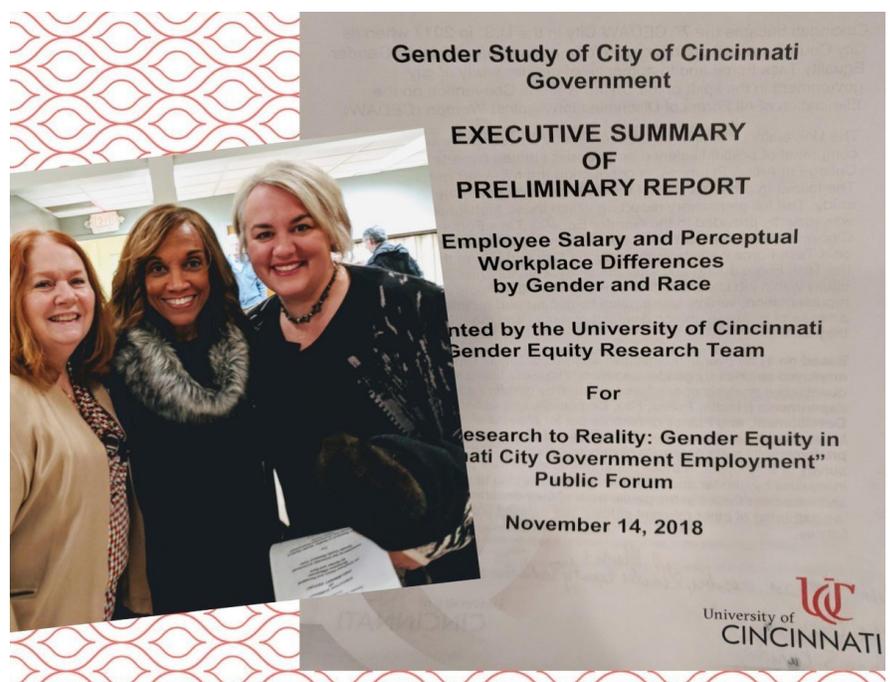
- **CEDAW** – The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) is an international treaty adopted in 1979 by the United Nations General Assembly. In May 2017, Cincinnati City Council passed a CEDAW-related ordinance that commissioned a gender analysis of city departments & commissions. **Cincinnati Mayor Cranley** appointed a taskforce to oversee the analysis being conducted by researchers at the University of Cincinnati & to make recommendations to Cincinnati Mayor & City Council about promoting gender equity.

Zonta member **Connie Roesch** is a co-chair on the Cincinnati for CEDAW coalition & played a leadership role in the effort to get the ordinance to City Council for approval. Connie said, "This a significant achievement & probably the club's most significant advocacy effort in recent times. It's not all that often that activism at the local level leads to such significant legislation...it will be great to follow specific recommendations & action plans."

The Woman's City Club hosted an update on CEDAW entitled *From Research to Reality: Gender Equity in Cincinnati Employment* on November 14. ZCC members **Verna Tuttle, Connie Roesch, & Melinda Hubbard** attended the event. The UC Research Team presented the gender study & next steps. ZCC was acknowledged for our support of the study. The program was informative & well attended. **Cincinnati City Council** members **David Mann & P.G. Sittenfeld** attended as well as **Hamilton County Commissioner Denise Driehaus**. Halfway through a two-year analysis of the city of Cincinnati's employment practices, researchers have found a mixed bag when it comes to gender equity.

The good news: Men & women who work for the city are paid equivalent wages when they have the same level of education & experience & share the same job titles. The bad news: Women & racial minorities tend to be clustered in lower-paying jobs within the city.

- **Ales & Advocacy** – Originally scheduled for March 6, 2019, this event is being rescheduled for some time in May due to a conflict with the Ash Wednesday holiday. The date will be announced as soon as it is confirmed with Rhinegeist.



Z/Golden Z Club Update

Sub-Committee Chair Cathy Bruckert (cathy.bruckert@ef.com; 513.702.7686)

• Withrow University High School Z Club – Cathy organized a Lunch N Learn event on 11/7 where business professionals held round table discussions with Z Club members & their friends. Z Club member Alicia Sanders made flyers about the event & posted them around the school building.

The following presenters participated in the program: CEO **Clayton Hicks**, Networking Group Leader-Starting Your Own Business; **Dr. Melinda Hubbard**, Zonta Club of Cincinnati member-Finding Your Career Path; **Christina Wadkins**-Financial Advisor, **Leon McDonald**, Professional Photographer-The Art of Photography, & Withrow faculty member **Mr. Keyes** discussed resumes, proper attire for interviews, etc. There were two sessions: 10:48-11:18 a.m. for Juniors & Seniors, & 11:18-11:48 a.m. for Freshman and Sophomores with a 5-minute break between sessions.



Membership Committee Update

Committee Chair Melinda Hepfner (mhepfner@hotmail.com; 513.289.3668); **Committee Co-Chair Dawn Trammell** (fred459@zoomtown.com; 513.829.5121)

There will be a New Member Orientation on Monday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m. at Donna Seitz's office (644 Linn Street, Cincinnati, OH 45203-1734). Contact **Donna Seitz** (dseitz@americaninsurnet.com; idseitz@fuse.net; 513.451.2708) for more information

Founders Day Celebration 2018

The ZCC November 15, 2018 Founders Day celebration was enjoyed by all who attended! Speaker **Katherine Durack, Ph.D.**, with Suffrage in Stitches, gave a very informative presentation about the history of the women's suffragist movement. **Melinda Hepfner & Gretchen Webb** were honored with tributes by **President Verna Tuttle & Glenda Carota**, and presented with yellow roses & commemorative gifts. **District 5 Governor Margot Hoffman & Area 2 Director Pat Kenkel** also attended along with many family & friends of the honorees. Governor Margot installed new members **Astha Adhikari & Mary Jane Watson** into the Zonta Club of Cincinnati & Glenda into the District 5 Nominating Committee. Congratulations & welcome to all!



FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Groundhog Day
3	4 ZCC Board Mtg, 6 pm	5	6 ZCC/Kendra Scott Fund-raiser, 6-9 pm	7 Zonta Service Fund Board Mtg, 6 pm	8	9
10 Julie Doppler's Birthday; Valerie Landell's Birthday; WHW Sunday Salon	11	12	13 Withrow Z Club Mtg, 2:30 pm	14 Valentine's Day	15 Astha Adhikari's Birthday	16
17 WHW Sunday Salon	18 Presidents Day Fundraising Comm Mtg/Call, 6 pm	19 Centennial Comm Mtg, 6 pm	20 Service & Advocacy Comm Call, 6 pm	21 Bylaws Comm Mtg, 6 pm	22	23
24 WHW Sunday Salon	25 New Member Orientation, 6 pm	26 Finance Comm Mtg, 5:30 pm	27	28 OH Human Trafficking Awareness Day; ZCC Dinner Mtg, Clovernook CC, 6 pm		

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3 WHW Sunday Salon	4 Alzheimer's Luncheon, 11:30 am, Cintas Center; ZCC Board Mtg, 6 pm	5	6	7	8	9
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins; WHW Sunday Salon	11	12	13	14 Finance Comm Mtg, 5:30 pm	15	16
17 WHW Sunday Salon	18 Fundraising Comm. Mtg/Call, 6 pm	19 Connie Roesch's Birthday; Centennial Comm Mtg, 6 pm	20	21 Holi	22 Dee Shaffer's Birthday	23 Area 2 Meeting, Elizabethtown, KY
24 Dawn Trammell's Birthday; WHW Sunday Salon	25	26 Centennial Comm Mtg, 6pm	27	28 ZCC Dinner Mtg, 6pm	29	30
31 WHW Sunday Salon						